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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant(s): TAMURA, et al.  
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For: EXTERNAL STORAGE DEVICE AND MEMORY ACCESS  
CONTROL METHOD THEREOF  
Group: 2138  
Examiner: P. Chung  
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**RESPONSE**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated 03 April 2006, please amend the above-identified application as listed in the amendments (if any) below and as set forth on the following pages: